

S-469
Theodore Waters House
Lower Hill
Private

c. 1900

The Theodore Waters house stands on the south side of a dirt road known as Davy Lane, named in an effort to recognize a former nineteenth century landowner, Captain George Davy. Captain Davy owned a large portion of the land surrounding the Lower Hill community during the second half of the nineteenth century and his name is found in several locations on the Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas (1877). The architectural features of this two-story frame dwelling place its construction during the late years of the nineteenth century or first decade of the twentieth century. For much of the twentieth century this property has been owned by the Waters family, first purchased in 1903 by Graham Waters. Two long-time resident owners include Moody S. Waters and his wife Elsie, who owned the property between 1906 and 1949 and Theodore and Beulah Waters, who acquired the house and lot in December 1949.

HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: Theodore Waters House

MHT Inventory Number: 27359 Davy Lane S-469

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture
- 2) Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore
- 3) Chronological/Development Period(s):
Industrial/Urban Dominance
1870-1930
- 4) Resource Type(s):
Single-family dwelling

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. S-469

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic MOODY S. WATERS HOUSE

and/or common THEODORE WATERS HOUSE

2. Location

street & number 27359 DAVY Lane ☐ not for publication

city, town Lower Hill ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Theodore and Beulah Waters % Diane Palmer

street & number 800 Hanson Street telephone no.:

city, town Salisbury state and zip code MD 21801-6212

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset County Clerk of Court liber 148

street & number Somerset County Clerk of Court folio 593

city, town Princess Anne state MD 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Theodore Waters house, historically known as the Moody S. Waters house, is located on the south side of Davy Lane in the community of Lower Hill, Somerset County, Maryland. The two-story, two-bay frame house faces north with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Dating around 1890-1900, the two-story, two-bay side hall/parlor frame dwelling is supported on a low brick pier foundation covered with sheet metal. The exterior is clad with vinyl siding, and the steeply pitched roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the front block is a two-story, two-bay kitchen wing.

The north (main) facade is a two-bay elevation with a side entrance and flanking two-over-two sash window. An enclosed shed roof front porch shelters the first floor. The second floor is lighted by a pair of two-over-two sash windows. The base of the roof is finished with an extended eave and sloped soffits.

The east and west gable ends are defined by a single two-over-two sash window on each floor, and the gable end is finished with an extended eave.

The south (rear) wall of the main block is largely covered by a two-story, two-bay service wing that is extended on its west side by a single-story shed roofed addition. The east side of the kitchen wing is marked by side entrance and a two-over-two sash window. Rising through the gable end is an interior end concrete block stove chimney.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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Quadrangle scale _____

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THEODORE WATERS HOUSE
27359 Davy Lane
Lower Hill, Somerset County, Maryland
Chain of title

148/593 Elsie Waters, widow

 to

12/17/1949 Theodore Waters
 Beulah Waters
 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ acre

94/367 Moody S. Waters
 Elsie Waters

 to

7/16/1927 L. Creston Beauchamp
 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ acre adjoining the lands of Banks Waters,
 the Colored School and Levin Waters

SFD 57/362 Graham Waters

 to

6/11/1906 Moody S. Waters

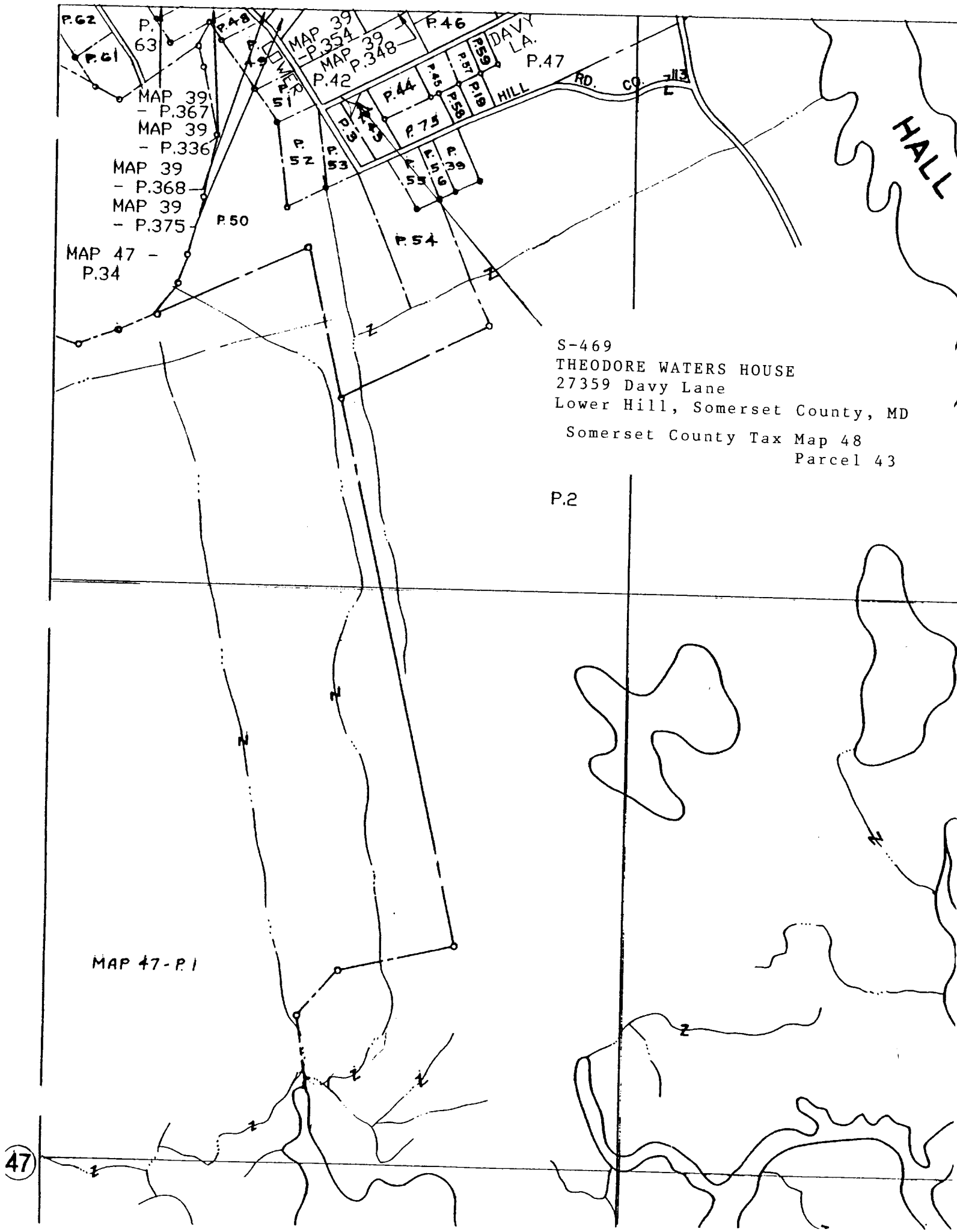
OTB 37/200 Joseph Muir

 to

12/10/1903 Graham Waters

HFL 10/235 John Hall
 Martha E. Hall

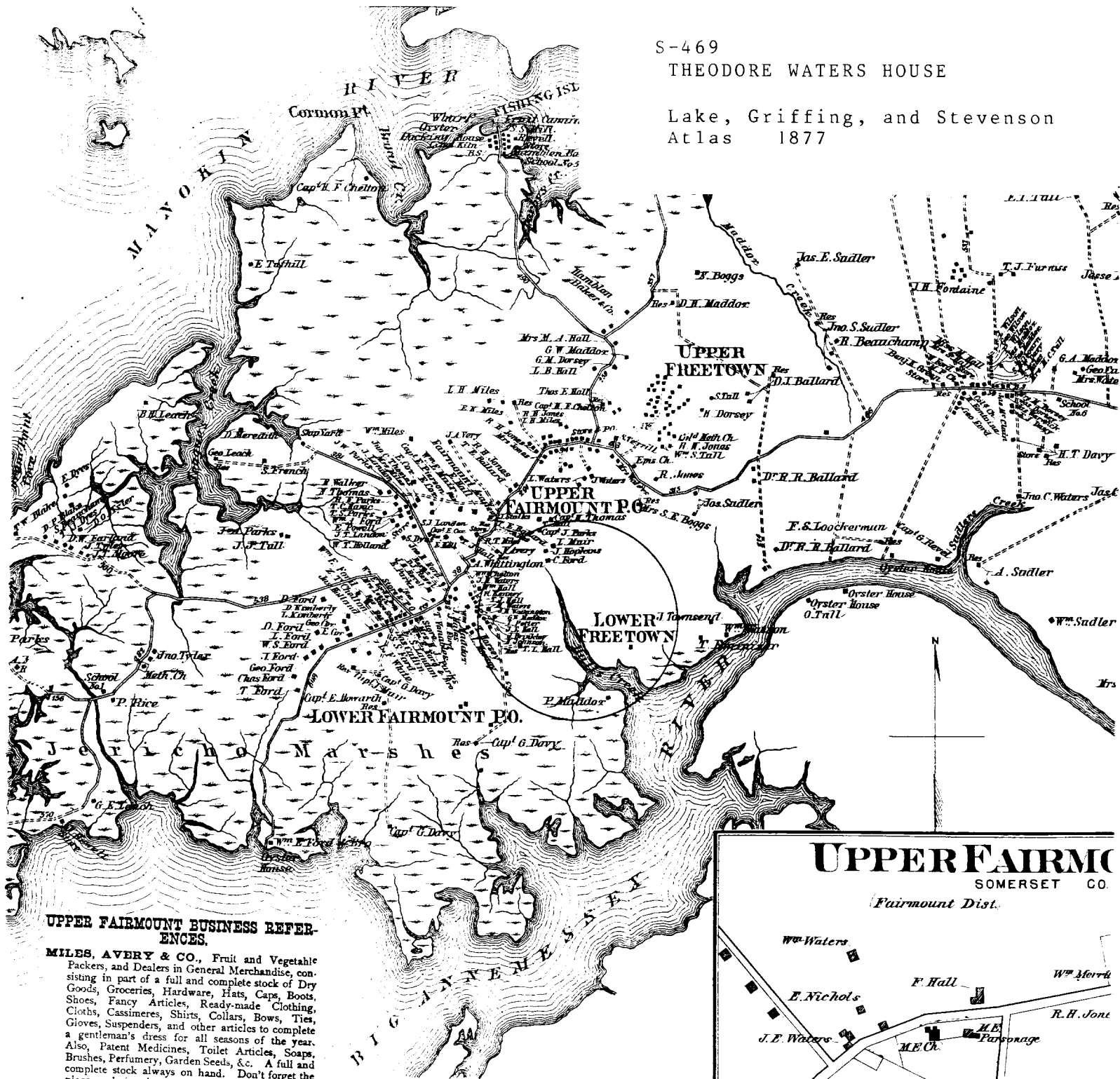
 to
2/15/1892 Joseph Muir



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THEODORE WATERS HOUSE
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Somerset County Tax Map 48
Parcel 43

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MAP 47-P.1



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Dr. B. S. MILES, Physician and Surgeon.

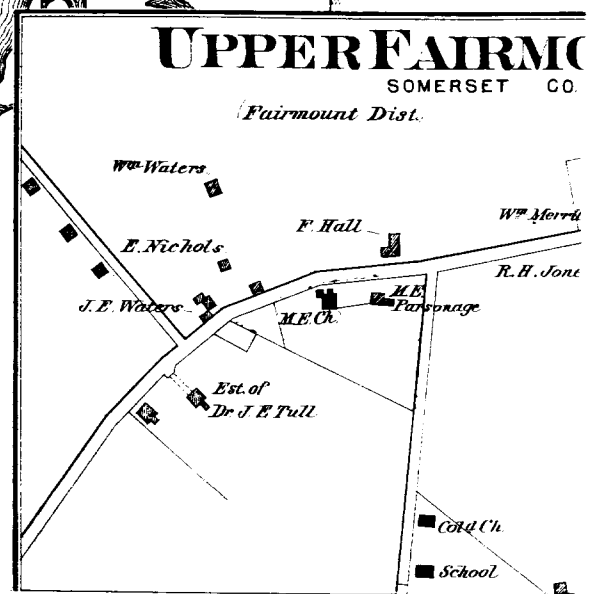
B. K. GREEN, Dealer in General Merchandise, such as Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, Queensware, Hats, Boots, Shoes, Notions, and all goods suitable for a first-class country store. Westover.

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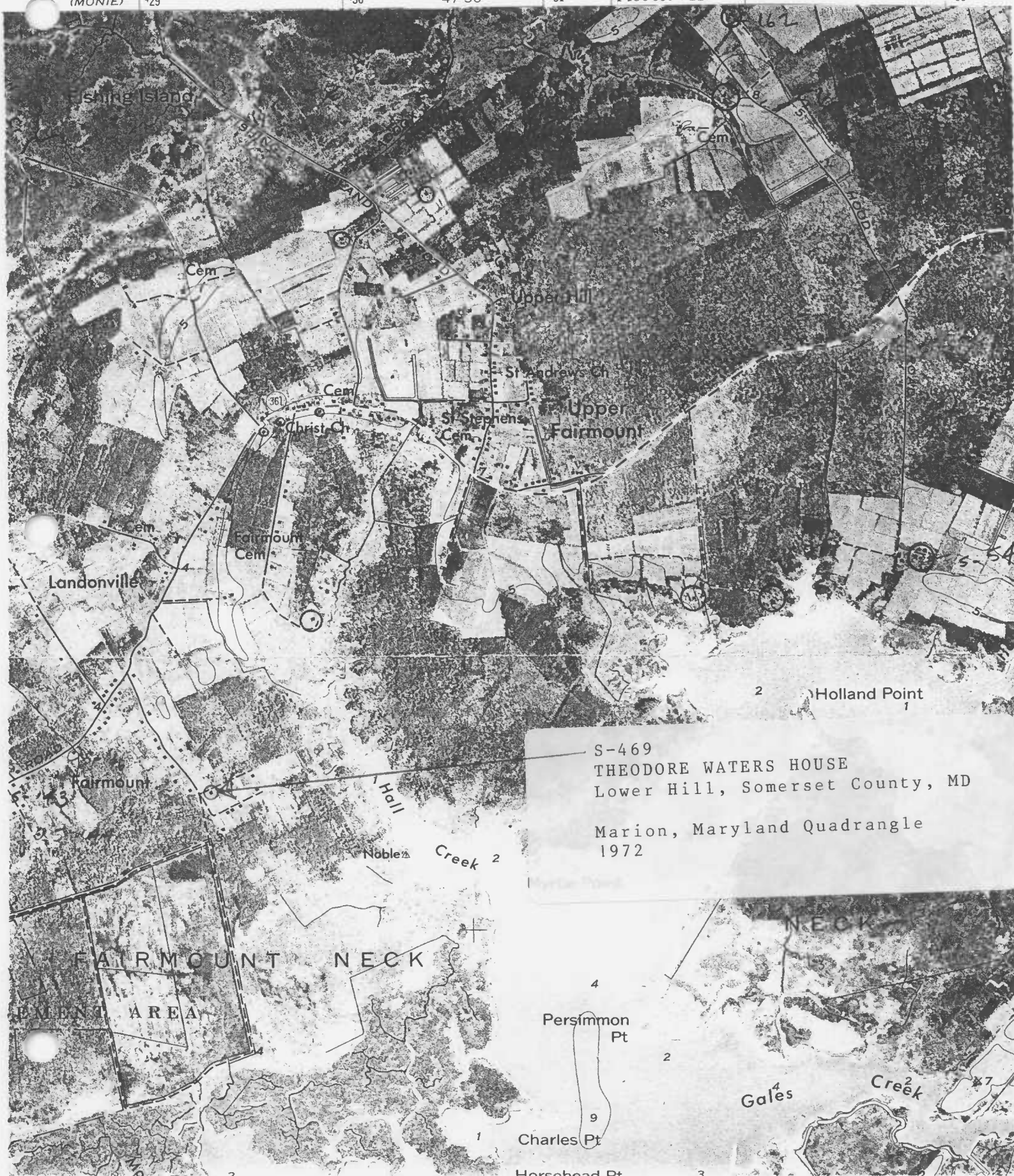
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Tire Oak Woods 14.30

Lower Hill, Somerset County, MD.

North elevation

6/65, Paul Touart, Photographer

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